

Cambridge Moving Reminders



Donate, Donate, Donate

- ✓ **Clothing and Textiles:** See our [Google map of clothing donation spots](#). Good stuff gets reused and damaged stuff gets recycled. Not accepted in curbside recycling.
- ✓ **Furniture in Good Condition:** Plan ahead and arrange for a pickup of items from inside your home. Coalition for the Homeless does Cambridge pickups twice a month, and sometimes more! Complete the pickup request form at www.tiny.cc/MAHomelessDonations. They take kitchen tables & chairs, couches & sofa chairs, ottomans, hutches, end tables, coffee tables, bed frames, dressers, bookshelves, cabinets, rugs, lamps, dishes, pots & pans, and blankets & linens. More info: CambridgeMA.Gov/Furniture.
- ✓ **Freecycle and Craig's List:** [Freecycle](#): People give and get stuff for free. [Craig's List](#): People submit online classifieds. Large 'For Sale' section includes a "free" category.
- ✓ **Get Rid of It Right:** [City's online list with details on how to recycle, donate or dispose of just about anything](#).

Recycle in the Curbside Bin

- ✓ **Large Plastics:** All large rigid plastic items are accepted, such as storage containers, laundry baskets, and toys.
- ✓ **Books:** Rip off hard covers. But, please [donate books](#). Reuse is better than recycling.
- ✓ [What to Recycle in the Curbside Program](#).

Common Recycling Mistakes – Leave It Out

- ✗ **Electronics:** [Recycle or donate](#).
- ✗ **Pots, Pans, Hangers or Other Scrap Metal:** Bring [metal items](#) to the [Recycling Center](#). Many dry cleaners accept metal hangers for reuse.
- ✗ **Plastic Bags:** Recycle empty, clean and dry bags at store entrances or the [Recycling Center](#).
- ✗ **Blinds or Shades, Video or Cassette Tapes, Ceramics, Dishes, Glasses, Mirrors, Frames:** Donate items in good condition, otherwise place in trash.

What to Do with Packaging?

- ✓ **Cardboard Boxes:** Place in or next to recycling bin. Make sure boxes are empty (no Styrofoam, bubble wrap, or trash).
- ✓ **Bubble Wrap and Air Pockets:** Recycle with plastic bags at the [Recycling Center](#) during open hours. Bags must be empty, clean, and dry. [Review accepted items here](#).
- ✓ **Styrofoam Peanuts:** Bring Styrofoam peanuts to a UPS Store for reuse or to the [Recycling Center](#) during open hours. No cornstarch peanuts, which will dissolve in water.
- ✓ **Blister Packaging:** Hard clear plastic form packaging can be recycled in the [curbside program](#).

Special Disposal Required

- ✗ **Non-Alkaline Batteries:** Non-Alkaline batteries accepted at the [Recycling Center](#) or [Household Hazardous Waste collections](#). Alkalines made in USA after 1994 do not contain mercury and can go in the trash.
- ✗ **Fluorescent Bulbs:** There are [several disposal options](#) including the [Recycling Center](#) and most Cambridge hardware stores. [Fluorescent bulb clean up info](#).
- ✗ **Hazardous Waste, Such as Paint:** Review what must be brought to one of our four annual [Household Hazardous Waste collections](#), including oil-based paint, chemicals and waste fuels. [Webpage](#) includes alternative options.

Recycling is Mandatory in Cambridge – and Easy!

Review [what is accepted](#) in the curbside recycling program closely. Stay in the loop and sign up for the Cambridge Recycling monthly e-newsletter on recycling, composting and reducing waste. Email Recycle@CambridgeMA.Gov.